Service Date: July 7, 2005

#### FINAL ORDER NO. 6561

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION P.O. Box 202601 Helena, Montana 59620-2601

IN THE MATTER OF Fort Belknap Emergency	)	
Medical Services dba Fort Belknap Medical	)	Docket No. T-05.28.PCN
Transportation Services, Harlem, Montana,	)	
Application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of	)	Order No. 6561
Public Convenience and Necessity.	)	

The Commission, being fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings, conclusions and order:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 23, 2005, **Fort Belknap Emergency Medical Services dba Fort Belknap Medical Transportation Services**, Harlem, Montana, filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission under Title 69, MCA, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing transportation of the following:

Class B – Passengers to medical office/treatment facilities located within the State of Montana. LIMITATIONS: 1) Passengers must be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe or direct descendant of such. 2) Transportation must originate or terminate within the Ft. Belknap Reservation and a 5 mile radius thereof.

2. In accordance with Section 69-23-321, MCA, this matter was noticed to the public June 2, 2005. That notice said in pertinent part:

If no written protests are received by June 21, 2005, a hearing may not be held and a final order may be issued in this Docket. If a protest is received, a hearing will be scheduled. Individual notice of the hearing will be given only to Protestants and Applicant.

The application included affidavits of support.

- 3. No protests or responses of any kind were received.
- 4. The record of this application is available for inspection at the Public Service Commission Office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter in this proceeding.
- 2. The Commission afforded all parties interested in this proceeding proper notice and an opportunity to participate.
- 3. Public Convenience and Necessity require a grant of the authority sought by the Applicant.

### **ORDER**

NOW THEREFORE, at a session of the Public Service Commission, Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, held in its offices at 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, the 28th day of June, there being present a quorum of Commissioners, there came regularly before the Commission for final action the matters and things in Docket No. T-05.28.PCN, and the Commission being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS ORDERED by the Commission that the application of **Fort Belknap Emergency Medical Services dba Fort Belknap Medical Transportation Services**, Harlem, Montana, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity IS GRANTED to the following extent:

Class B – Passengers to medical office/treatment facilities located within the State of Montana. LIMITATIONS: 1) Passengers must be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe or direct descendant of such. 2) Transportation must originate or terminate within the Ft. Belknap Reservation and a 5 mile radius thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a full, true, and correct copy of this order be sent forthwith by first class mail to the applicant and all parties herein.

THE FOREGOING ORDER was adopted by the Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, Public Service Commission, IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 28th day of June, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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GREG JERGESON, Chairman
BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman
DOUG MOOD, Commissioner
ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner
THOMAS I SCHNEIDER Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE:

Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. <u>See</u> 38.2.4806, ARM.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Final Order issued in Docket T-05.28.PCN in the matter of **Fort Belknap Emergency Medical Services dba Fort Belknap Medical Transportation Services**, Harlem, Montana has today been sent to all parties listed.

MAILING DATE: July 7, 2005

FOR THE COMMISSION

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Fort Belknap Emergency Medical Services dba Fort Belknap Medical Transportation Services RR 1, Box 67 Harlem, MT 59526

AS ITS INTERESTS MAY APPEAR:

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